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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 44

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

M. MICHAEL OLGUIN

A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROTESTING THE TRANSFER OF THE OPTICS SUPPORT FUNCTION OF THE NORTH RANGE OF THE STALLION RANGE CENTER TO HOLLOWMAN AIR FORCE BASE, THUS TRANSFERRING TWENTY JOBS FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCORRO.

WHEREAS, in early January 1997, the optics support function of the north range of the Stallion range center of White Sands missile range was transferred to Holloman air force base; and

WHEREAS, this transfer resulted in the loss of twenty jobs from the Socorro area; and

WHEREAS, these employees were offered only the options of showing up for work at the new location three hours away, taking early retirement or losing their jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is believed, but as yet is unconfirmed by the

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1 employer, that moving this optics support function was not to  
2 comply with a scientific need related to performing the work  
3 but rather to possibly save money by reducing salary costs of  
4 senior and experienced employees, most of whom have between  
5 twenty and twenty-five years of experience; and

6 WHEREAS, knowledgeable financial computations on the  
7 matter give no hint of savings simply by moving the unit from  
8 the Stallion range center to the Holloman air force base; and

9 WHEREAS, in a community of approximately eight thousand  
10 persons, the loss of income from twenty jobs means a very  
11 noticeable impact on local revenue, including gross receipts  
12 revenue; and

13 WHEREAS, unemployment in the Socorro area averaged over  
14 nine percent for calendar year 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, the international association of machinists and  
16 aerospace workers, the Socorro city council, the Socorro  
17 county commission, the greater Socorro area chamber of  
18 commerce and the Socorro public school district administration  
19 have all strongly protested the transfer of these jobs from  
20 the Stallion range center;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional  
23 delegation and the governor of New Mexico be requested to use  
24 every available means to return these optics support function  
25 jobs to the north range of the Stallion range center on a

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1 permanent basis; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the optics support unit is  
3 returned to the north range of the Stallion range center, the  
4 contractor administrating the work be requested to offer to  
5 rehire all employees who separated due to the location shift;  
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of the  
8 White Sands missile range and its various contractors be  
9 requested to take into serious consideration the financial  
10 impact on local communities as they rearrange their corporate  
11 economies; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 sent to the international associations of machinists and  
14 aerospace workers, the Socorro city council, the Socorro  
15 county commission, the greater Socorro area chamber of  
16 commerce, the Socorro public school district administration,  
17 the commander of the White Sands missile range, the commander  
18 of Holloman air force base, each member of New Mexico's  
19 congressional delegation and the governor.

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6 **February 12, 1998**  
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8 **Mr. Speaker:**  
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10 **Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to**  
11 **whom has been referred**  
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15 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**  
16 **recommendation that it DO PASS.**

17 **Respectfully submitted,**  
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22 **Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chair man**  
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8 Date \_\_\_\_\_

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10 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 6

12 Excused: Pearce

13 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano, Ingle, Vernon

Absent: None

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